Africa" programme, etc. In the EXIM Policy 2003-04, besides the focus on Service exports, policies have been devised to strengthen Special Economic Zones (SEZs), 100% Export Oriented Units (EOU's) etc. A new programme called "Focus CIS" has been introduced.

WTO Trade Ministers' Conference at Cancun

3896. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the media report "Missed WTO deadlines can derail talks";

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to ensure that the next WTO Trade Ministers' Conference scheduled to be held in Cancun does not end in a complete fiasco?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Government's attention has been drawn to a news item entitled "Missed WTO deadlines can derail talks" that had appeared in the New Delhi edition of the Times of India dated 7 April 2003. This news item points out that the developing countries are getting increasingly disenchanted with the current negotiations under the Doha Work Programme and that lack of progress in fulfilling the promises made at Doha would make it difficult to achieve progress at Cancun.

The progress in most of the issues covered by the Doha Work Programme has been uneven. In particular, the deadlines given by the Ministers at Doha on the three issues of importance to the developing countries namely TRIPS and Public Health, Special and Differential Treatment; and the Implementation-related issues and concerns could not be adhered to India and other developing countries have strongly voiced their concerns in the WTO on the slow progress of the negotiations in these areas.

As pointed out by India at the last meeting of the WTO Trade Negotiations Committee (TNC) held in Geneva earlier this month, success at the next Ministerial Conference of the WTO Cancun in September 2003 would greatly depend upon the ability of WTO members to complete work in respect of the issues for which deadlines

had already been laid down. In this regard, India had suggested to the Chairman of the TNC to consider ways and means of making the meeting of the TNC more productive and purposeful. India would continue to take steps at bilateral, plurilateral and multilateral levels, both with developed and developing country partners aimed at resolution of all the development-related issues on a top priority basis so as to have a successful outcome at the Cancun Ministerial Conference.

Posts lying vacant in Cardiology Department of G. B. Pant Hospital

3897. SHRIPRASANTACHATTERJEE:
SHRIMATICHANDRAKALA PANDEY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several posts in Cardiology Department of G.B Pant Hospital are lying vacant;

(b) if so, the reasons for the delay in filling up the vacancies; and

(c) the steps being taken/proposed by Government to ensure prompt appointment of Cardiac Specialists in G.B. Pant Hospital?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The recruitment process has been delayed for want of approval of the "Screening Committee" which is now necessary as per the instructions of the Department of Personnel & Training. A proposal for filling up the vacant posts on *ad-hoc* basis is being sent to the Department of Personnel & Training for their approval.

Medical insurance

3898. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is also a fact that only 0.2 per cent of India's population is covered under medical insurance compared to more than 75 per cent in developed countries;